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WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

SECOND REPORT

OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 30th, 1891.

Presented and adopted at the Second Annual General Meeting of Members, held on Friday, May 29th, at the Westminster Palace Hotel.

Women's Franchise League of Great Britain and Ireland.

Executive Committee.

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Madame Venturi.

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M. Sevasly (Editor of *Haïasdan*) Armenia.

The Corresponding Vice-Presidents of the League undertake to supply it with information concerning the progress of the cause in the countries they represent.

Bankers:—Branch Bank of England, Leeds.

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Second Report of the Executive Committee For the Year 1890-1891.

In presenting their First Annual Report, your Committee put on record the circumstances in which the Society was established. After stating the principle on which all the Women's Suffrage Societies were originally founded, *viz.: to obtain the Parliamentary vote for women on the same terms as it is, or may be, granted to men*, the Report continues—

"As it was found impossible to induce the Executive of the Central Women's Suffrage Society to refuse to support Mr. Woodall's Bill containing the proviso that no married women, though otherwise duly qualified, should have the right to vote, it was felt to be necessary to have the true principle of equality distinctly and openly attested. Early in the year 1889 a gathering of friends with these convictions was held in London, under the invitation of Mrs. Jacob Bright, when it was decided that steps should be taken in the Central Society for Women's Suffrage to test the feeling of the supporters of the cause on the coverture clause of Mr. Woodall's Bill. Accordingly, at the annual meeting of subscribers to the Central Society, held on March 21st, 1889, Mrs. Fenwick Millar moved, Dr. Pankhurst seconded, and Dr. Kate Mitchell supported, the following resolution :—

> 'That this annual meeting of the Central Society for Women's Suffrage protests against the proviso in Mr. Woodall's Bill specifically excluding duly qualified women "under coverture" from the operation of the Bill, and trusts that the said proviso will be rejected by the House of Commons in Committee.'

This was carried by an overwhelming majority. At a great public meeting, held in Prince's Hall the same evening, Mr. Jacob Bright, M.P. moved, and Mrs. Fenwick Miller seconded, a similar resolution. This also was carried by a very large majority. The Executive Committee of that Society having nevertheless shortly afterwards resolved to continue to support Mr. Woodall's Bill, it was judged necessary to found the Women's Franchise League to support the original principle."

In presenting their Second Annual Report, your Committee have shortly to lay before you the further history of this struggle of principle against supposed expediency. Mr. Haldane's Bill, the object of which is to place women on an absolute equality with men, civilly and politically, was read a first time, but he was not fortunate in procuring a day for second reading.

Mr. Woodall, however, whose Bill would not have enfranchised married women, obtained the 13th of May for second reading. It seemed probable that this day would fall in the Whitsuntide recess, therefore a meeting of some of the members of Parliament interested in Women's Suffrage was convened, and it was determined, in view of the supposed impossibility of carrying either measure, to withdraw both Mr. Haldane's and Mr. Woodall's Bills, and by means of the expedient of a Resolution, to secure at least a debate on the subject. This Resolution drawn up to satisfy the opponents of duly qualified married women's suffrage read as follows:—

> "That the exclusion of women, otherwise legally qualified, from the Parliamentary Franchise, is injurious to those excluded, contrary to the principle of representative government and to the law *now in force* in Town and County Councils elections, and other local representative bodies."

Your Committee have to express their very great regret that our friends in the House were induced to agree to the presentation of a resolution which thus distinctly limited the Parliamentary Suffrage to spinsters and widows—since "the laws *now in force*" in local elections do not apply to married women. It is true that many married women do in fact vote notwithstanding, but they remain on or are removed from the list of voters, according to the pleasure of the

Revising Barrister. By "the laws now in force" a married woman is denied her right to vote. She may be on the register; she may have paid her rates; she may have every "qualification" for the vote, and yet her vote may be rejected. Your Committee believes this interpretation of the law is incorrect, but it obtains nevertheless. Afterwards, dissatisfaction having been expressed that only a debate on a Resolution should be substituted for a Bill dealing with women's enfranchisement, an appeal was made to the Leader of the House not to adjourn for the Whitsuntide recess until after the 13th of May, the day reserved for Mr. Woodall's Bill. Mr. Smith agreed to this, but afterwards yielded to the opinion of the House, expressed in a division, not to allow of a debate on the Women's Suffrage question. Your Committee had no sympathy with the particular Bill which was tnus debarred a hearing; but they saw with surprise and regret that the gentlemen of the House of Commons were capable of deliberately shirking a debate and a division on a subject of the greatest importance, although a majority of the Members of the House were pledged to vote in favour of women's enfranchisement. Two political parties, which do not scruple to avail themselves to the full of all the assistance women can give in the election of their candidates to Parliament, are yet so little bound by the honour of their pledges to these same women, that year after year they refuse even to allow a statement of their case to be made to the House.

To return to the question of qualified married women and their equal right to vote.

Your Committee brought this question before the Lord Chancellor's notice on the occasion of their Memorial (see Appendix No. I.), on the Decision in the Jackson Case, and they have further emphasised their determination by every means to support the equal treatment of wives, by drafting a Bill (the Married Women's Disabilities Removal Municipal Elections Bill, see Appendix No. II.), brought in by Dr. Clark, Mr. Jacob Bright, Sir Algernon Borthwick, and Mr. Justin McCarthy.

Your Committee has to congratulate the Members of the League upon two distinct advances that have been made during the year. I.—Mr. Woodall has at last been induced to drop his proviso for the express exclusion of married women.

By the Bill, however, even as it now stands, not a single married woman would be allowed to vote, and this is not only perfectly well known to its supporters, but the wording appears specially designed to include only spinsters and widows. The title of the Bill limits its application to *duly qualified* women. Not until Dr. Clark's Bill is passed, will married women be regarded as "duly qualified." It will therefore not be safe for the Franchise League to support any Bill in which married women are not distinctly included, until either by a test case in the municipal elections, or by the passing of Dr. Clark's Bill, the equal right of wives to be registered as voters shall have been conceded.

II.—The second advance that has been made is the introduction of Dr. Clark's Bill specially bearing on the rights of married women with regard to the local franchises. The claim made by this Bill and Mr. Haldane's Bill indicate an advance in public opinion as important as that which preceded the Married Women's Property Legislation.

But the work of your Committee has by no means been confined to the effort to procure equality of treatment for the wife.

Besides the Memorial to the Lord Chancellor on the decision in the Jackson case and Dr. Clark's Bill promoted by this Association, an Address (See Appendix No. III.), has been presented to the Women's Suffrage Convention in Washington, United States, congratulating them on the admission of Wyoming as a State of the great American Union.

Numerous petitions to Parliament on the subject of Mr. Haldane's, and Dr. Clark's and Dr. Hunter's Divorce Bill have been presented to Parliament (See Appendix No. IV). Owing to the block of public business it is feared that Dr. Hunter's Bill cannot be proceeded with this Session. Petitions from this Committee have been presented against two Bills, "The Midwives' Registration Bill" and "The Slander of Women

Bill," (See Appendix No. V.), both of which, professedly for the advantage of women, are signal instances of the incapacity of the male legislator to understand the needs, or feelings of women.

Thoroughly trained midwives are greatly wanted among poor women, who cannot afford to pay for the services of a doctor, and your Committee wish it to be distinctly understood that they would be glad to see any measure carried which would provide similar and equal training for women, as for men, in every branch of medicine and surgery, but this is not the object of the Bill. Dr. Aveling, in his opening address to a discussion on this Bill by the British Gynæcological Society, says that an attempt "to construct a new order of midwifery practitioners, who shall be co-equal to doctors in so far as midwifery s concerned," . . . "would most certainly arouse the opposition of the whole profession." The Bill which he is supporting makes it necessary for a woman, before she can become a registered midwife, to obtain a certificate "from a registered medical practitioner practising in the district in which she is herself resident that she is of good conduct and in good health!"

How would medical men, attending such cases, like to be compelled to obtain a certificate of good conduct and good health from a woman doctor before they were permitted to exercise their professional duties?

"The Slander of Women Bill" your Committee has opposed on the ground that by its limitation to one sex it will tend to perpetuate that double standard of morality which is so injurious and demoralising to both men and women. (See Appendix for both Bill and Petition against it, No. V.).

The Earl of Meath's Bill, to permit the election of women to the County Council, has been heartily supported by your Committee, both by petition and by the donation of a sum of £20 to the Committee especially interested in returning women as members of the County Councils.

Literature. Your Committee has circulated besides the Report of last year about 13,000 other pamphlets, circulars and leaflets. (For particulars see Appendix No. VI.).

Meetings. During the winter and spring your Committee has held upwards of 43 meetings in Public Halls, Clubs, Societies, and Drawing-rooms. (For particulars of meetings and speakers see Appendix No. VII.). At all of these meetings the speakers on behalf of the Programme of the League have been most cordially received. There has always been a debate, and Resolutions approving of the Bills before Parliament promoted by the Franchise League, have been passed. The working-men are certainly not afraid of the most extended women's vote. They would object to a measure limited to spinsters and widows as they consider such partial enfranchisement would favour class interests.

Our drawing-room meetings, owing to the Annual Meeting occurring six weeks earlier than last year, have been less numerous, but they have on the whole been better attended than those held last year.

Mr. Haldane gave a very able address on the "Economic Position of Women," on May 8th, in the French Room, St. James' Hall.

Two influential meetings have been held in India through the energy of Miss Romola Tynte. At Lucknow, Colonel Turnbull was in the chair. This meeting was addressed by Miss Tynte, the Rev. Mr. Thompson, Dr. Rankin and Lady Colleton spoke for the Resolution. An amendment was moved by Mr. Young, the Judicial Commissioner of Oudh, and a debate followed, after which the amendment was lost by a large majority.

At the Bombay Fabian Society, Miss Tynte delivered a lecture on Women's Suffrage on behalf of the League to a large audience. There was an animated discussion afterwards and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Tynte for her lecture.

During the Session of the British Association in Leeds (1890), a public afternoon meeting was called by some friends in attendance to discuss our programme.

Mrs. Scatcherd presided; Dr. Pankhurst, Mr. H. J. Levy, Mrs. Haycraft (P.L.G.), and several others took part in the proceedings: the discussion was excellent, the Hall crowded, the meeting thoroughly successful.

On Sept. 13th, Mrs. Scatcherd addressed the Stanningley Liberal Club, and on 15th, the North Ward Liberal Club (Leeds), on Mr. Haldane's W. D. R. Bill.

On April 9th and 10th, 1891, Mrs. Scatcherd and Mrs. Sunley organised large public meetings at Ossett and Morley (Yorks); the respective Mayors of these towns presided: and speeches, cordially supporting Mr. Haldane's Bill, were given by several members of the Town Councils, and petitions to Parliament in its favour adopted with but one dissentient.

On all these occasions the question of conferring votes on duly qualified married women was fully debated and approved. The same thing took place on April 13th at a first rate Conference of Women in Rochdale and at a public meeting in the evening.

The best thanks of the League are due to Miss Cobden, whose speeches at these Northern Meetings were able and persuasive, and who never loses an opportunity of advancing the aims of the League.

Mrs. Scatcherd and Mrs. Sunley have regarded it as a clear duty to persistently advocate the claims of women to sit and act on County Councils. They have sent up to Parliament eight petitions from Public Meetings or Associations in favour of Lord Meath's Bill, four in favour of Dr. Clark's, and four in favour of Dr. Hunter's Divorce Bill.

A Branch of the League has been formed at Glasgow by Lady Florence Dixie, who gave a powerful address on April 21st, at the Christian Institute. Copies of this address can be had from the Hon. Secs., price 2d. each.

Your Committee desire to express their gratitude to those ladies and gentlemen who have voluntarily and gratuitously given their services as speakers at these meetings, and also to the ladies who have kindly lent their drawing-rooms for meetings. Without this generous assistance it would have been impossible for the League to have shown the amount of work to which this Report is able to testify.

Your Committee wish to put on record their gratitude for the assistance given to them by the late Charles Bradlaugh,

M.P., and their sense of loss at his premature removal by death. A deputation from the League, consisting of Mrs. Scatcherd, Mr. Burrows, and Mrs. Pankhurst, attended the funeral.

Your Committee have to announce with much regret the retirement of the Countess Schack from the position of Hon. Sec., and of Mrs. Fenwick Millar from the Executive Committee. They remain, however, in intimate connexion with the work of your Executive.

(For Associations affiliated during the year and for list of fresh Vice Presidents see Appendix No. VIII.)

In conclusion your Committee would urge upon all the friends of justice to support them by all the means in their power to obtain for women the necessary recognition of their civil and political duties and privileges.

WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Income and Expenditure Account from July 1st, 1890, to May 25th, 1891.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	81	12	0
,, Sundry Subscriptions as per Schedule	297	19	3
	£379	11	3
,, Balance in Bank	92	4	1

Payments.	£	s.	d.
By Salaries of Agent and Assistant Secretary	36	5	0
,, Public Meetings in the Country	22	2	4
,, Subscriptions to Defence Fund for County Council	20	0	0
,, Agent's Expenses in London	4	2	0
,, Postage	37	14	9
,, Office Expenses and petty cash (39 meetings in London and neighbourhood.)	40	15	2
,, Printing and Stationery	124	15	7
,, Bank Charges	1	12	4
	£287	7	2
,, Balance in Bank	92	4	1
	£379	11	3

Audited with the vouchers and found correct, *May 27th*, 1891.

S. C. PLATTS, F.C.D.

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SCHEDULE OF SUBSCRIBERS.

	£	s.	d.
Allen, Mr. Grant	0	10	6
Arnold, Mrs. Arthur	1	0	0
Barnett, Mrs.	0	3	0
Barrow, Miss A. E.	0	5	0
Bass, Miss	0	1	0
Beard, Miss E.	0	2	6
Beaumont, Mr. M.	0	10	0
Bell, Mrs.	1	1	0
Bentinck, Mrs.	3	0	0
Blatch, Mrs. Stanton, B.A.	1	1	0
Bowrey, Miss L. M.	0	2	6
Bowtell, Miss	0	2	6
Bright, Mrs. Jacob	5	0	0
Bright, Mr. Jacob, M.P	5	0	0
Bright, Miss Esther	0	2	6
Bright, Mr. John G	0	2	6
Broadhead, Mrs. A	0	2	6
Brown, Mrs. Edith	0	2	6
Browne, Mrs. Woolcott	3	0	0
Burrell, Mrs. Eliz.	1	1	0
Burrows, Mr. Herbert	0	5	0
Busk, Mrs. E. H., B.A.	1	1	0
Byles, Mrs. W. P.	0	10	0
Carbutt, Miss	1	0	0
Caird, Mrs. Mona	5	0	0
Carlisle, Countess of	1	1	0
Carroll, Mrs.	0	5	0
Chorlton Liberal Club	0	10	0
Clegg, Miss L.	5	0	0
Cobden, Miss	0	2	0
Colby, Mrs. L. E.	0	5	0
Cornish, Miss Jane	0	3	0
Connon, Mrs. T. W.	0	5	0
Conybeare, Miss	0	10	6
Cozens, Mrs. Mary	1	10	0
Dalton, Mr. H. R.	1	1	0
Davy, Miss Eliz.	0	2	6
Dawson, Mrs. E.	1	0	0
Dell, Mr. Robert E.	0	2	6
Dilke, Sir Charles	5	0	0
Dixie, Lady Florence	5	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Drysdale, Dr. Charles	0	5	0
Elmy, Mrs. E. C. W.	0	15	10
Evans, Mrs. (don.)	0	2	6
Fagan, Mrs. M.	1	0	0
Flucht, V. Vander	1	0	0
Friend, per U. M. B.	20	0	0
,, ,, S. F.	0	10	0
,, ,,	0	17	6
Fullerton, Mrs. Agnes	0	10	0
Gasté, M.	0	15	10
Gay, Miss S. E.	0	2	6
Goff, Miss Annie	0	2	6
Golborne Liberal and Radical Club	0	2	6
Gordon, Mrs. Alice	0	10	0
Goulden, Miss	0	2	6
Greenwell, Rev. Alan	0	10	6
Grover, Miss	0	2	0
Hall, Miss M.	0	5	0
Hall, Miss Sara	0	3	0
Hargreaves, Mrs.	1	0	0
Hargreaves, Mrs.	1	1	0
Harris, Mr. Wm.	0	1	0
Harvey, Mr. Edmund	0	5	0
Heatherley, Mrs. K. E. (sub.)	0	5	0
,, ,, (don.)	0	10	0
Hennell, Miss Sara	0	5	0
Herford, Mrs. Louisa	2	0	0
Hersant, Mrs. de	0	10	0
Heywood, Miss Emily L.	0	1	0
Hinde, Mrs.	0	2	6
Holliday, Mrs. Henry	0	1	0
,, Miss	0	1	0
Hope, Miss	0	5	0
Hope, Miss M.	0	5	0
Hopps, Rev. J. Page	0	3	0
Howe, Mrs.	0	10	6
Hunter, Mrs. Stephenson	1	1	0
Hunter, Mrs.	1	1	0
Jackson, Mrs. Geo.	0	10	6

	£	s.	d.
James, Mrs. John -	1	0	0
Johnson, Miss Effie -	0	2	0
King, Mrs. J. T. M. -	0	10	0
Latimer, Mrs. S. F. -	0	5	0
Lawson, Sir Wilfrid -	1	1	0
Leeds, Mr. & Mrs. R. J. -	1	1	0
Leeds, Mr. Ronald H. -	0	10	0
Lindsay, Miss - -	0	3	0
Lowe, Mrs. Louisa -	1	10	0
Luccock, Mrs. Mary -	2	0	0
McCormick, Mrs. -	0	2	6
McDowell, Mrs. - -	0	2	6
McGill, Mr. Thomas Staples	0	2	6
McKinlay, Mrs. - -	0	2	0
Maclaverly, Mrs. M. E. -	0	5	0
McRoberts, Mrs. - -	0	5	6
Mallett, Mrs. - -	0	5	0
Marriage, Miss Margaret A.	0	5	0
Martin, Miss Anna -	0	2	6
Massingberd, Mrs. E. L. -	3	0	0
Miller, Mrs. Fenwick -	0	10	6
Mills, Mrs. John -	1	0	0
Mills, Miss M. A. -	0	2	6
Mitford, Miss Jane E. -	0	5	0
Moore, Mrs. R. - -	0	5	0
Moulvi, Mr. R. A. -	0	1	0
Moye, Mrs. - -	0	10	0
Moye, Miss - -	0	10	0
Muff, Mrs. - -	1	0	0
Myers, Miss Clara -	0	2	6
Naoroji, Hon. D. - -	2	2	0
Neligan, Miss - -	0	10	0
New, Miss Helen -	0	10	0
Oakley, Mrs. Cooper -	0	10	6
Partridge, Mrs. Louisa	0	2	6
Passavant, Miss H. C. -	0	2	6
Passavant, Miss Laura -	0	2	6
Paulton, Mrs. - -	1	0	0
Perrier, Mrs. Anna -	0	5	0
Petty, Mrs. Ashley -	0	1	0
Philpot, Miss Isaline -	1	1	0
Pimlico Radical Club -	0	2	6
Pochin, Mrs. - -	10	0	0
Pognow, Mdme. - -	0	3	0
Protheroe, Miss E. A. Shaw	1	0	0
Putz, Mrs. - -	0	1	0
Reeves, Miss Mary -	0	1	0
Rigbye, Mrs. Harriette -	1	0	0
Robarts, Dr. - -	1	0	0
Robarts, Mrs. - -	1	0	0
Robson, Miss Emma -	0	5	0
Ronniger, Mdme. -	0	1	0

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Samson, Mrs. Louisa -	0	1	0
Savile, Mrs. Twemlow -	0	5	0
Sanderson, Mrs. Ashton -	0	5	0
Scatcherd, Mrs. - -	50	0	0
Schack, Countess -	1	1	0
Scotland, Miss - -	0	1	0
Scott, Miss Alice (the late)	0	1	0
Sharman, Mrs. - -	1	0	0
Shaw, Mrs. - -	0	1	0
Sibthorp, Mrs. M. -	0	2	0
Smith, Mrs. Holyoake -	0	10	6
Smith, Miss Julia -	0	5	0
Smithson, Mrs. Ed. -	2	0	0
Snoad, Mrs. Warner -	1	1	0
Social and Political Reform Association - -	0	2	6
Sowerby, Miss - -	0	2	6
Stansfeld, Rt. Hon. James	1	1	0
,, Mrs. James -	0	10	6
Staples, Sir A. N.	1	0	0
Staples, Mr. Richard -	1	1	0
Stephens, Miss G. -	0	1	0
Stevenson, Lady - -	0	10	0
Stevenson, Miss R. M.	0	5	0
Sunley, Mrs. Agnes -	0	2	6
Swinburne, Sir John -	1	1	0
Tebb, Mrs. - -	2	2	0
Thomasson, Mr. J. P. -	50	0	0
Thomas, Mrs. E. - -	5	0	0
Tolmé, Mrs. Eliza -	0	10	0
Tothill, Miss Mary D.	0	5	0
Trevelyan, Lady - -	1	0	0
Tynte, Miss Romola	0	2	6
Tynte, Miss Romola (result of Entertainment) -	21	7	10
Varley, Miss -	0	1	0
Venturi, Mdme. E. A. -	1	1	0
Vert, Mrs. D. - -	[illegible]	2	6
Viallet, Mlle. A. - -	0	1	6
Wade, Mrs. - -	0	2	6
Wade, Miss - -	0	2	6
Warley, Miss - -	0	5	0
Watson, Mrs. Spence -	0	5	0
Watts, Dr. Th. M.	0	5	0
Weabe, Miss - -	0	1	0
Weale, Mrs. H. J. -	0	1	0
Whitehead, Miss - -	0	2	6
Willett, Mrs. R. H. -	0	1	0
Williams, Mrs. Jessy -	1	0	0
Winter, Mrs. - -	0	1	6
Woodall, Mrs. W. -	1	1	0
Wood, Mrs. Jacob -	1	1	0
Wright, Mrs. Theodore -	0	5	0
Young, Miss A. M. -	0	2	6

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Rules.

I.—An Executive Committee of 12 shall be appointed at an Annual General Meeting, which Committee shall have power to add to its number country members as corresponding secretaries.

II.—The Committee at its first Meeting subsequent to the Annual Meeting, shall appoint its Officers, Secretaries, and Treasurers; 3 to form a Quorum.

III.—A General Meeting of the Society shall be held once a year to receive the Report of the Executive Committee, the Statement of Accounts, to appoint the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, and transact any other business that may arise.

IV.—A Special General Meeting of the Society may be called at any time by the Committee, and at the written request of 50 members the Secretary shall call a Special Meeting. At such meeting no subjects shall be discussed but those mentioned in the notice summoning the members.

V.—No General Meeting of the Society shall be called without eight days' public notice of such meeting.

VI.—The above Rules shall not be altered except at a General Meeting after 14 days' notice of the proposed alteration given to the Executive Committee.

Members of the Society and others are earnestly requested to aid the work of the Women's Franchise League, the only Women's Suffrage Society which advocates for women complete civil and political equality with men.

I.—By collecting signatures to our various Petitions.

II.—By bringing the question under the notice of all Parliamentary candidates and members of Parliament, and calling upon them to declare whether or not they will vote for the Bill promoted by the League.

III.—By trying to procure insertion of facts and arguments on Women's Disabilities and Responsibilities in the local press.

IV.—By communicating any information to the Secretaries likely to be useful.

V.—By assisting in the formation of Branches of the League in the locality where they reside. Information and assistance will be given by the Hon. Secretaries.

VI.—Where a Branch cannot be established, a single corresponding secretary would be much valued.

VII.—By encouraging their friends to become members of the Society.

APPENDIX I.

TO THE RIGHT HON. BARON HALSBURY, LORD HIGH CHANCELLOR OF GREAT BRITAIN.

THE MEMORIAL OF THE WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE

Sheweth

That your Memorialists hereby declare their sense of the importance of the recent decision of the Court of Appeal in Mrs. Jackson's case. Not only do they rejoice at the more liberal interpretation of the law by that Court, but they regard its decision as an embodiment of the broader views and more advanced public opinion, which in the future must govern the relations of the sexes. They hold the enforced submission of the wife as fatal alike to the harmony and dignity of the marriage relation, to the position she ought to occupy in the eyes of her children, and to the influence for good she is fitted to exercise in society and in the State.

That your Memorialists are convinced that the said decision, affirming as it does the personal independence of the wife, will materially conduce to that high mutual consideration and forbearance on the part of both husband and wife, which is the only secure and lasting basis for domestic peace.

That your Memorialists earnestly trust that the late exposition of the law by the Court of Appeal will have the effect of hastening the time when other legal relations of the sexes will be established on a juster basis than that which now exists. They would point out for your Lordship's special consideration the injustice of excluding duly qualified married women from the right to be registered as voters in those local Franchises which have for long years been enjoyed by unmarried women. They hold this exclusion to be the more extraordinary and indefensible, inasmuch as married women are, in at least two cases, now eligible for election as Members of the very Boards and Councils in respect of which their votes are disallowed. Married women may now serve as Poor Law Guardians and on School Boards, but their claim to elect Members of these Boards, although based on precisely the same qualification as enables spinsters and widows to vote, is disallowed, and that simply and solely on the ground that they are married women.

That your Memorialists submit that in questions concerning sanitary regulations, the management of hospitals, workhouses and gaols, the education and control of children, married women have at least as much knowledge, as much interest, and as much experience as the unmarried. They feel it as a slur upon the honourable estate of matrimony that those who have undertaken its duties and responsibilities should be debarred from their just influence in matters which deeply concern the moral and material welfare of the people.

That your Memorialists, therefore, deeply conscious of the great importance of the matters here set forth, humbly beg your Lordship's consideration of the same.

APPENDIX 2.

The Women's Franchise League Bill, introduced by Mr. Haldane, Q.C., Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Howorth.

A BILL

To Amend the Law relating to the Political and other Disabilities of Women.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. In all Acts of Parliament relating to the right to vote at Parliamentary, Municipal, Local, and other elections, words importing the masculine gender shall be deemed to include women.

2. No woman shall be subject to legal incapacity from voting at such elections by reason of coverture.

3. No person shall be disqualified from being elected or appointed to, or from filling or holding, any office or position, merely by reason that such person is a woman, or, being a woman, is under coverture.

4. This Act may be cited as the Women's Disabilities Removal Act, 1889.

A BILL

To Amend the Law relating to the Disabilities of Married Women in Municipal and other Local Elections.

Municipal Elections (Married Women's Disabilities Removal).

(Prepared and brought in by Dr. Clark, Mr. Jacob Bright, Sir Algernon Borthwick, and Mr. Justin M'Carthy.)

WHEREAS it is clear that married women, if they possess the qualification, ought not to be omitted from any privilege conferred upon single women :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. In all Acts of Parliament relating to the right to vote at Municipal and other Local Elections no woman shall be subject to legal incapacity from voting at such elections by reason of coverture.

2. This Act may be cited as the Married Women's Disabilities Removal Act, 1891.

APPENDIX 3.

ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CONVENTION, WASHINGTON, U.S., ON THE OCCASION OF WYOMING BEING MADE A STATE OF THE UNION.

We, the Executive Committee of the W.F.L., offer you our heartiest greeting on the important occasion of your Convention. We beg to assure you of our warm and friendly sympathy with the great objects you are met together to promote, and to testify our belief that the woman's cause is the cause of peace, of justice, of temperance, of purity, and of the sister and brotherhood of humanity all over the world.

Although we, who now address you, are old workers in this cause, the Women's Franchise League is a new association, and we venture to call your attention to the fact that we have made a fresh departure in English politics, trusting that as this new departure is on the lines already established in one State of your great Republic, that you may feel a special interest in its successful issue. The suffrage societies in Great Britain have hitherto confined their efforts to the claim for direct Parliamentary representation, and the programme of our League is the first instance of a demand for that perfect justice which is implied in absolute equality in all the civil and political relations of men and women. We are asking, in fact, for what you have already gloriously obtained in the brilliant success of Wyoming.

Friends and Sisters! With heartfelt thankfulness and sympathy we congratulate you on your great victory, and on the noble example you have given to the world of a State governed equally by men and women, with the happiest and most satisfactory results. Nothing can deprive you of the proud pre-eminence you have attained in being the first nation to recognize the equal rights and duties of our sex. We rejoice in the privilige accorded to you, and gratefully acknowledge the service America has rendered to civilization and morality by this re assertion, on behalf of women, of the principles of the Declaration of Independence.

In laying before your Convention this brief expression of our goodwill, we are happy to tell you that your own distinguished and much-loved country-woman and President—loved and appreciated here as well as in America—Mrs. Cady Stanton, is associated with us, and her daughter is a member of our Executive Committee.

In the earnest hope that American and English women may always be found working heart to heart and hand to hand in maintaining a cordial understanding, never to be broken, between your country and ours, we remain.

APPENDIX 4.

PETITION IN FAVOUR OF MR. HALDANE'S BILL.

"That your Petitioners desire the establishment for women of that full civil and political equality with men for which they believe the time is now ripe.

"That the continued denial to women of this equality is injurious to the best interests of women themselves and to those of the community of which they form a part.

"Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House will pass the Bill to amend the Political and other Disabilities of women introduced by Mr. Haldane, Q.C."

PETITION IN FAVOUR OF DR. HUNTER'S BILL.

"That the existing law of Divorce, by reason of its inequality and injustice is demoralizing to the husband, oppressive and degrading to the wife, hurtful to domestic and social morality, and urgently needs amendment.

"Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House will pass a measure establishing the law of Divorce on the basis of legal equality, and on terms of justice and honour for both husband and wife."

PETITION IN FAVOUR OF DR. CLARK'S BILL.

"That at the present time the applications of duly qualified women to be registered as voters in Municipal and other local elections are disallowed on the sole ground that such persons are legally married.

"Wherefore as it is quite clear that married women, if they possess the qualification, ought not to be omitted from any privilege already conferred upon single women and widows, your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House will pass the Married Women's Disabilities Bill brought in by Dr. Clark to remove this anomaly."

APPENDIX 5.

Petition against the "Slander of Women Bill."

"THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE

"Sheweth—"That your petitioners, regarding the moral characters of men and their good reputation as of equal importance and concern to the community and to themselves as the reputation of women, object to the one-sided measure known as the Slander of Women Bill, holding that it is calculated to encourage the present double standard of morality for the sexes. Your petitioners humbly pray, therefore, that any legislation regarded as necessary for the protection of women against slander may apply equally to men."

A BILL

INTITULED

An Act to Amend the Law relating to the Slander of Women.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. Words spoken and published after the passing of this Act which impute unchastity or adultery to any woman or girl shall not require special damage to render them actionable.

2. This Act may be cited as the Slander of Women Act, 1891, and shall not apply to Scotland.

Text of the Petition of the Women's Franchise League against the Midwives' Registration Bill.

"That while we should cordially support any well-considered measure to give to poor mothers the choice of thoroughly trained midwives, we regard the proposal embodied in the Midwives' Registration Bill now

before Parliament as a gross interference with the right of poor women to choose their own attendants during child-birth. That as neither on the plea of their own health nor the safety of their offspring would any such interference with the habits or lives of men be tolerated for a moment, it is unjust to force upon women medical attendance they may not desire, especially in a case where they must be held to be the best judges of their own needs. Further, your petitioners object to the said Bill as not being only strongly opposed to the feelings of the community, as testified by dozens of petitions against it and none in its favour, but also as being most cruel and oppressive to those women who gain their living by the profession of midwifery, inasmuch as it will place their reputations and means of earning their bread entirely under the control of individual members of the medical profession. Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable House will reject the Midwives' Registration Bill, and pass a measure which will give the required protection to mothers without interference with personal rights, and without placing the moral character of women under the supervision of any body of men whatever."

APPENDIX 6.

LITERATURE CIRCULATED.

(*a*) The Report of 1889-1890.

(*b*) Report of International Conference held July, 1890.

(*c*) Gladstone Leaflets.

(*d*) Lady Florence Dixie's address at Glasgow.

(*e*) Mrs. Cady Stanton's "Degradation of Disfranchisement."

(*f*) Mrs. Stanton Blatch's address at the National Liberal Club (in the *Personal Rights Journal*).

(*g*) Mrs. Fenwick Millar's address at National Liberal Club.

(*h*) Programme of the League.

(*i*) Circular on the Laws of Divorce.

(*j*) Mr. Thomasson's and Mrs. W. Elmy's Reply to Mr. S. Smith.

APPENDIX 7.

LIST OF MEETINGS HELD.

Meetings and Discussions held during the Year 1890-91.

September 15*th*.—Hackney Road Club.
September 23*rd*.—Borough of Shoreditch Liberal and Radical Club.
September 28*th*.—Golborne Liberal and Radical Club.
September 30*th*.—Central Finsbury Radical Club.
October 12*th*.—Paddington Radical Club.
October 14*th*.—Women's Liberal and Radical Association, N. Hackney.
October 14*th*.—Peckham Liberal and Radical Club.
October 15*th*.—United Democratic Club.
October 19*th*.—Pimlico Radical Club.
October 26*th*.—West Southwark Liberal and Radical Club.
November 3*rd*.—Kensington Wesleyan Mutual Improvement Association.
November 13*th*.—St. Pancras Reform Club.
November 20*th*.—Bow Liberal Club.
December 16*th*.—Charlton Liberal Club.
December 28*th*.—Star Radical Club.
January 13*th*.—Charlton Liberal Club.
January 26*th*.—Strand Women's Liberal Association.
January 29*th*.—Co-operative Hall, King's Road, Chelsea.
February 16*th*.—N. Islington Liberal and Radical Association.
March 21*st*.—Social and Political Reform Association.
March 24*th*.—National Liberal Club.
March 24*th*.—Working Women's Radical Association, Bethnal Green.
March .—Central Hackney Women's Liberal Association,
April 12*th*.—Progressive Association.
April 14*th*.—Dorothy Restaurant.
May 7*th*.—N. Kensington Women's Liberal Association.
May 8*th*.—The Balloon Society.

COUNTRY MEETINGS.

March 21st.—Glasgow Christian Institute, Yorkshire.
September 13th.—Stanningly Liberal Club.
November 1st.—Ossett.
April 9th.—Ossett.
April 10th—Morley.
April 15th.—Rochdale.

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February 24th.—At Lucknow Chutter Munzil Club.
March 25th.—Bombay.

DRAWING-ROOM MEETINGS, 1891.

February 26th.—Mrs. TWEMLOW SAVILE, 31, Nevern Square, S.W.
February 28th.—Mrs. GEORGE JACKSON, 97, Gloucester Place, Portman Square.
March 6th.—Mrs. GORDON, 7, Nevern Road, Earl's Court.
March 10th.—Mdme. BELLE COLE, 36, Montpelier Square, S.W.
April 21st.—Mrs. CATTERSON SMITH, 144, Holland Road, W.
April 22nd.—Mrs. LANGDON DOWN, 81, Harley Street, W.
April 25th.—Mrs. EDENSOR, 34, Royal Crescent, Notting Hill, W.
April 30th.—Mrs. CARTER, 8, Powis Square, W.

Amongst the speakers at the above meetings have been :—Mr. R. B; HALDANE, Q.C., M.P. ; Mr. JACOB BRIGHT, M.P. ; Mr. JUSTIN MCCARTHY; M.P. ; Miss BASS ; Mrs. STANTON BLATCH, B.A. ; Mrs. JACOB BRIGHT. Mrs. BESANT, M.L.S.B. ; Mr. HERBERT BURROWS ; Miss COBDEN, L.C.C. Miss CLEGG ; Dr. STANTON COIT ; Mrs. KEMP ; Mrs. FAGAN ; Mrs. GORDON ; Mrs. HEATHERLEY ; Mr. J. H. LEVY ; Mrs. COOPER OAKLEY ; Mrs. MASSINGBERD (of Gunby) ; Hon. DADABHAI NAOROJI ; Dr. and Mrs. PANKHURST ; Mr. HODGSON PRATT ; Dr. R. D. ROBERTS ; Mrs. ROBERTS ; Mrs. ELIZABETH CADY STANTON ; Miss ROMOLA TYNTE ; Mr. W. M. THOMPSON ; Mrs. THEODORE WRIGHT ; Mr. HARRY JONES ; Mr. POWLES, Barrister-at-Law ; Miss EFFIE JOHNSON ; Mr. MOULVI ; Mrs. GEORGE JACKSON ; Miss FRANCES LORD ; Miss HAGEMANN ; Countess SCHACK ; Miss ORME ; Mrs. MOYE ; Dr. CLARK, M.P. ; Miss TOURNIER ; Lady FLORENCE DIXIE ; Mrs. BURRELL ; Mrs. SCATCHERD Mrs. BATESON, Miss ABNEY WALKER and others.

APPENDIX 8.

ASSOCIATIONS AFFILIATED DURING THE YEAR.

West London Political and Reform Association.
Social and Political Reform Association, Brompton Road.
Pimlico Radical Club.
Golborne Liberal and Radical Club.
The Charlton Liberal Club.

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APPENDIX 9.

Petitions presented in favour of the Women's Disabilities Removal Bill.

1. From Members of the Educational Committee of the Chelsea and Fulham Co-operative Society in meeting assembled. Mary Ann Chicken in the chair.
   (Presented by Mr. Whitmore, February 3rd).
2. From inhabitants of Highbury and other places, 31 signatures.
   (Presented by Sir Algernon Borthwick, February 12th).
3. From inhabitants of Bermondsey, Knightsbridge and other places, 37 signatures.
   (Presented by Mr. Agg-Gardner, February 13th).
4. From inhabitants of Edgbaston and Birmingham, 35 signatures.
   (Presented by Mr. Dixon, February 13th).
5. From members of the Paddington Radical Club. Frederick Morris in the chair.
   (Presented by Mr. Aird, February 13th).
6. From inhabitants of London, Enfield, and other places, 34 signatures.
   (Presented by Mr. Causton, February 13th).
7. From inhabitants of London and elsewhere, 51 signatures.
   (Presented by Mr. Haldane, February 13th).
8. From inhabitants of London and elsewhere, 26 signatures.
   (Presented by Mr. Justin M'Carthy, February 13th).
9. From inhabitants of Chelsea and its vicinity, 23 signatures.
   (Presented by Mr. Whitmore, February 13th).
10. From inhabitants of Leeds, 79 signatures.
    (Presented by Mr. Herbert Gladstone, February 16th).
11. From members of the Political Council of the Chiswick Radical Club, 23 signatures.
    (Presented by Mr. Rowntree, February 16th).
12. From inhabitants of Dawlish, 21 signatures.
    (Presented by Mr. Webb, February 16th).
13. From inhabitants of Waterford, 8 signatures.
    (Presented by Mr. Webb, February 16th).
14. From members of the Women's Liberal Association of Bradford, 87 signatures.
    (Presented by Mr. Jacob Bright, February 17th).
15. From inhabitants of London, 19 signatures.
    (Presented by Mr. Hargreaves Brown, February 17th).
16. From ladies inhabitants of London and other places, 19 signatures.
    (Presented by Mr. Bryce, February 17th).
17. From inhabitants of Malton in meeting assembled at the Adult School. Mary J. Hopkins in the chair.
    (Presented by Colonel Dawnay, February 17th).
18. Members of the Ladies' Committee for Women's Suffrage, Bridport, in meeting assembled. Mary Carpenter, *Hon. Sec.*
    (Presented by Mr. Henry Farquharson, February 17th).

19. From members of the Executive Committees of the Liberal Club and Liberal Association of Ossett, 13 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Milnes Gaskell, February 17th).
20. From officers of the Political Committee of the Radical Club of East Finsbury, 4 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. James Rowlands, February 17th).
21. From members of the Committee of the Personal Rights Association in meeting assembled at 3, Victoria Street, Westminster, on January 18th, 1891. Robert Hampson, *Hon. Sec.*
(Presented by Mr. Stansfeld, February 17th).
22. From inhabitants of London, 19 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Austin, February 18th).
23. From inhabitants of London, 22 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Bolton, February 18th).
24. From inhabitants of London, 78 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Jacob Bright, February 18th).
25. From inhabitants of Waterford, 20 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Jacob Bright, February 18th).
26. From members of the Women's Liberal Federation, Morpeth, 32 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Jacob Bright, February 18th).
27. From members of the Highgate Club, 11 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Jacob Bright, February 18th).
28. From inhabitants of Chorley, 29 signatures.
(Presented by Lieutenant-General Feilden, February 18th).
29. From members of the Committee of the South Ward Liberal Club of Leeds, 16 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Haldane, February 18th).
30. From inhabitants of Batley and Dewsbury, 44 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Haldane, February 18th).
31. From members of the Women's Liberal Association of Leeds, in meeting assembled. Mary Luccock, *President.*
(Presented by Mr. Haldane, February 18th).
32. From members of the Borough of Marylebone Radical Workmen's Club in meeting assembled. A. G. Morel, *Political Secretary.*
(Presented by Mr. Seager Hunt, February 18th).
33. From President and others of the Liberal and Radical Association of Hampstead, 13 signatures
(Presented by Mr. Lawson, February 18th).
34. From inhabitants of Forest Hill and its Vicinity, 29 signatures.
(Presented by Viscount Lewisham, February 18th).
35. From inhabitants of Nottingham, 22 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Arnold Morley, February 18th).
36. From members of the Women's Co-operative Guild of Hunslet. Mary Goodson, *President.*
(Presented by Sir Lyon Playfair, February 18th).
37. From members of the West Hunslet Liberal Club of Leeds. C. E. Barrett, *Chairman.*
(Presented by Sir Lyon Playfair, February 18th).
38. From inhabitants of Whaplode and other places, 27 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Halley Stewart, February 18th).
39. From inhabitants of London, 31 signatures.
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41. From members of the Keighley Women's Co-operative Guild. C. E. M. Mitchell in the chair.
(Presented by Mr. Haldane, February 19th).

42. From inhabitants of Hampstead, 23 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Burdett Coutts, February 20th).
43. From inhabitants of Burgh, in the County of Lincoln, 32 signatures
(Presented by Mr. Heath, February 20th).
44. From members of the Political Council of the Star Radical Club Herne Hill. G. G. Steel, *Hon. Sec.*
(Presented by Sir John Whittaker Ellis, February 23rd).
45. From inhabitants of Armley, 19 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Herbert Gladstone, February 23rd).
46. From inhabitants of Leeds, 24 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Herbert Gladstone, February 23rd).
47. From inhabitants of Woking, 30 signatures.
(Presented by General Goldsworthy, February 23rd).
48. From members of the Women's Co-operative Guild of Leeds. Agnes Stanley, *President.*
(Presented by Mr. Haldane, February 23rd).
49. From inhabitants of Colchester, 23 signatures.
(Presented by Colonel Makins, February 23rd).
50. From members of the Liberal and Radical Club of Borough of Shoreditch, 17 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Stuart, February 23rd).
51. From inhabitants of Camberwell and Peckham, 28 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Baumann, February 24th).
52. From members of the Council of the Liberal Club of South Peckham, 24 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Baumann, February 24th).
53. From inhabitants of Woolwich, 8 signatures.
(Presented by Colonel Hughes, February 24th).
54. From members of the Armley Branch of the Leeds Women's Liberal Association. Ann Elizabeth Longbottom, *President.*
(Presented by Mr. Herbert Gladstone).
55. From members of the Richmond Liberal and Radical Club. Henry Wellbye, *Chairman.*
(Presented by Mr. Woodall, February 25th).
56. From members of Eleusis Club, Chelsea. R. T. Spratt, *Chairman.*
(Presented by Mr. Woodall, February 25th).
57. From inhabitants of Walworth and other places, 25 signatures.
58. From members of drawing-room meeting held at 31, Nevern Square, S.W. Sybella J. Saville in the chair.
(Presented by Sir Algernon Borthwick, March 3rd).
59. From inhabitants of London, 48 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Haldane, March 3rd).
60. From members of the Political Council of the Wandsworth Liberal and Radical Club, 22 signatures.
(Presented by Dr. Clark, March 9th).
61. From members of the Armley Liberal Reform Association. M. B. Calvert, *Chairman.*
(Presented by Mr. Herbert Gladstone, March 9th).
62. From Provost, Magistrates and Town Council of Kilmarnock. A. McLelland, *Provost.*
(Presented by Mr. Stephen Williamson, March 10th).
63. From Lord Provost, Magistrates and Town Council of the royal Burgh of Dundee under their Common Seal.
(Presented by Mr. Leng, March 11th).

64. From members of the Women's Franchise League of Great Britain and Ireland. Ursula M. Bright and another, *Hon. Secs.*
(Presented by Mr. Jacob Bright, March 13th).
65. From inhabitants of Waterford and Cork, 11 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Jacob Bright, March 16th).
66. From ladies resident in London, 5 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Jacob Bright, March 16th).
67. From inhabitants of London, 14 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Jacob Bright, March 16th).
68. From inhabitants of Rotherhithe, 45 signatures.
(Presented by Col. Hamilton, March 16th).
69. From members of the Croydon Liberal Association, 21 signatures.
(Presented by Sir Algernon Borthwick, April 7th).
70. From inhabitants of the Borough of Morley in public meeting assembled. John Hill, *Mayor Chairman.*
(Presented by Mr. Milnes Gaskell, April 15th).
71. From women of Rochdale in conference assembled at the Town Hall. John Ormerod. *Chairman.*
(Presented by Mr. Potter, April 15th.
72. From inhabitants of Rochdale in public meeting assembled at the Spotland Liberal Club, April 13th, 1891. John Turner, *Chairman.*
(Presented by Mr. Potter, April 17th).
73. From members of the Women's Liberal Association of Wells. Margaret A. Tanner, *Hon. Sec.*
(Presented by Sir Richard Paget, April 22nd).
74. From inhabitants of Southport in public meeting assembled on the 17th April, 1891. A. Pilling, *Mayor, Chairman.*
(Presented by Mr. Haldane, April 23rd).
75. From members of the Committee of Women's Liberal Association Central Branch, Edinburgh. Barbara Street, *President.*
(Presented by Mr. Haldane, April 29th).
76. From inhabitants of Southport and its vicinity, 25 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Haldane, April 29th).
77. From members of the Committee of the Women's Liberal Association of Bristol in meeting assembled, April 28th. Louisa G. Perry in the chair.
(Presented by Sir Joseph Weston, April 29th).

Total number of Petitions 77.

Total number of signatures 1436.

Petitions presented in favour of reform in the law of Divorce.

1. From inhabitants of London and other places, 24 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Hunter, December 3rd).
2. From members of the St. Pancras Reform Club, 24 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. T. H. Bolton, January 22nd).
3. From members of the St. Pancras Reform Club, 24 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. T. H. Bolton, January 22nd).
4. From inhabitants of Congleton and other places, 27 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Hunter, April 7th).
5. From inhabitants of Bradford and Leeds, 117 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Herbert Gladstone, April 9th),

6. From inhabitants of Hammersmith and other places, 56 signatures.
(Presented by Gen. Goldsworthy, April 10th).
7. From inhabitants of Chelsea and vicinity, 38 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Whitmore, April 10th).
8. From inhabitants of Islington, Holloway and its vicinity, 35 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Bartley, April 13th).
9. From inhabitants of Stoke Newington and other places, 29 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Bartley, April 13th).
10. From inhabitants of Manchester and its vicinity, 46 signatures.
(Presented by Sir William Houldsworth, April 13th).
11. From inhabitants of Durham and Northumberland, 10 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Paulton, April 13th).
12. From inhabitants of Brighton and other places, 72 signatures,
(Presented by Mr. Mallock, April 14th).
13. From inhabitants of Camberwell and its vicinity, 32 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Maple. April 14th).
14. From inhabitants of Derby and other places, 35 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Halley Stewart, April 14th).
15. From inhabitants of Kensington and its vicinity, 41 signatures.
(Presented by Sir Algernon Borthwick, April 17th).
16. From members of the Co-operative Women's Guild of Morley, in meeting assembled. Ann Aveyard in the chair.
(Presented by Mr. Milnes-Gaskell, April 20th).
17. From inhabitants of Bournemouth and elsewhere, 41 signatures.
(Presented by Mr. Jacob Bright).

Total number of petitions 17.

Total number of signatures, 649.

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